



# Stronica Proboszcza



## The Pastor's Page

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Month of the Our Lady*

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Niech będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus!  
Praised be Jesus Christ!

### *First Holy Communion Day!*

First Holy Communions frequently take place during the Easter Season. Springtime is a season of the renewal of life in nature. It is also a time of renewing our Holy Faith during the Paschal Season. Receiving the Holy Eucharist, whether for the first time or any time in one's life, is a moment of great growth and renewal of the soul.

This Sunday, at the noon liturgy, ten children of the parish will make their first Holy Communion at Mass in our parish. This is a wonderful occasion for all of us to pause and remember that great day in our lives. What a wonderful gift is the living presence of Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist. And what an even greater grace it is that Christ wants to come to us regularly in this great sacrament and change us for the better as human beings and children of God! The First Holy Communion is just the beginning of a continuous line of intimate meetings with the Eucharistic Lord throughout the entirety of our lives here on earth.

As we watch these young children, come up to the altar, with so much excitement and anticipation in their hearts, most likely this will stir up similar feelings in our own hearts. Hopefully we never take Holy Communion for granted and we always receive communion with the presence of mind to consider carefully just what we are doing. We cannot afford to be distracted at these vital moments of our lives! We need Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and He is there for us. He has promised us at the Last Supper that he would be present each time we do this in memory of Him. Dear Friends, the Mass and Holy Communion are truly a Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received; the memory of His Passion is renewed; the mind is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

*This year it has been my pleasure and I will admit a bit of a challenge to teach the second grade catechism class and prepare them for their first Holy Communion. It is not the first time I have taught second graders but that was when I was an assistant and not the pastor of the parish. I am very pleased to say that all the children in our class did very well and I am convinced learned a great deal. I would also like to thank my aid in the classroom, Mrs. Donna Marzolf. And so congratulations on this happy day to: Brianna Bozymowski, Joshua Dorfman, Olivia Dorfman, Kaleb Grapes, Matthew Helfrich, Andrew Taylor, Sophia Toboy, Teala Toboy, Tricia von Holten, Abby Zaborowski. May this first Holy Communion be the beginning of a life long relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ, present in the Most Holy Eucharist.*

# The Little White Guest

*A prayer of children after receiving Holy Communion*

You have come to my heart, dearest Jesus,  
I am holding You close to my breast;  
I am telling You over and over,  
You are welcome, O Little White Guest.  
I love You, I love You, my Jesus,  
O please do not think I am bold;  
Of course, You must know that I love You,  
But I'm sure that You like to be told.  
I'll whisper, "I love You, my Jesus,"

And ask that we never may part;  
I love You, O kind, Loving Jesus  
And press You still nearer my heart.  
And when I shall meet You in Heaven,  
My soul them will lean on your Breast.  
And you will recall our fond meetings,  
When You were my little White Guest.  
Amen.

## The Reception of Holy Communion

The reception of Holy Communion in the hand was one of the topics scrutinized by participants in the Synod of Bishops in October 2005. The question of reception of Holy Communion in the hand was addressed by Cardinal Francis Arinze, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, who explained the arguments for and against this practice. One argument against was that it allows a person to depart with the consecrated host without consuming it.

A Spanish reporter of the Synod of Bishops, told journalists of a case where someone kept a host consecrated by Pope John Paul II and offered to sell it through the internet. On occasion, hosts have also been used in Satanic rites. Therefore, Cardinal Arinze asked priests to be attentive when administering Holy Communion in the hand.

My own experiences and observations prompt me to take this opportunity to point out that Holy Communion should always be received with reverence, and if taken in the hand consumed immediately in front of the priest. Also, the very gesture of hands stretched out to receive the Host is meaningful: they should form a kind of "throne" prepared to receive the Body of Our Lord present in the Eucharistic Bread. **Please hold your hands up high enough to safely receive the host and please do not try to take the host from the priest but allow him to lay it on your hand.** Try to be mindful of what a sacred moment this is in your spiritual life and respond clearly and audibly with the word "Amen" only.

Those who receive on the tongue should remember to open their mouths wide enough to receive the host and extend their tongue far enough that there will be an adequate space to place the host in their mouth.

Of course, it goes without saying, that whether we receive Holy Communion in the hand or on the tongue, we must: believe in the true presence of Christ in the consecrated species; we must be free from serious sin; and we should fast one hour before receiving the Eucharist.

## CSA

This weekend the annual Catholic Services Campaign begins in every parish throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. This annual collection provides the funds necessary to run this large archdiocese that we are a part of. Every parish in the archdiocese takes part in this collection and they are all assessed the same percentage of their annual collection. This year our assessment is \$76,765.00. This number reflects the accurate number of households which make up our parish – 861. Unfortunately we did not reach last year's goal and we were forced to pay it off by more than \$18,00.00 from our offertory collection. This week letters were sent out to every registered household announcing the 2018 campaign. These letters will include an envelope for the 2018 campaign and also the form for pledged payments if so desired. If every household would give \$100 for the 2018 campaign we will reach our goal for the first time in a long time. That is our goal. Please help us in reaching it.

# THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council decided that May would be the month for replacing old council members and selecting new members. The plan that was accepted was to have a council made up of ten members. Four members are representatives of the four commissions found in every Catholic parish. The other six are what is called "members at large." The commission representatives are chosen by their respective commissions. The members at large are chosen after a nomination process has taken place.

The process of nomination begins this weekend and is open to all parishioners. Please seriously consider nominating candidates for the two seats open on our Parish Pastoral Council. You can use the form found in this bulletin and either mail your nominations to the parish office or place it in the collection basket on Sunday. Remember that nomination does not mean that person will definitely become a member of the parish council. It is merely a way of gathering qualified candidates for later selection. Parishioners may nominate as many persons as they wish. The nomination period will close on Friday, May 18th. I will contact each person nominated, who is a registered member of the parish and practicing catholic, informing them of their nomination and to ask them if they accept the nomination. There will be a drawing of the names during the Saturday Mass at 4:30 PM on May 19<sup>th</sup> for the new council member. The term of a council member is three years. The New Council will be installed and blessed at a Sunday Mass after the first September meeting.

Please prayerfully consider the possibility of serving on the council yourself. If you realize you are not being called to this important ministry, then prayerfully consider who from our community has the necessary gifts to lead in this capacity. Do not leave the nominating to other persons in the parish. The work of the Holy Spirit continues to be active and an exciting mystery in our parish! The current council is composed of the following members. They will continue to serve until the date found next to their names.

**Donna Milton – 2018**  
**Dale Zamecki - 2018**  
**Beverly Knetchel – 2019**

**Veronica Berryman – 2020**  
**Sharon Zerafa – 2020**  
**Cheryl Jurczyk – 2020**

Commission Representatives are decided by their commissions and can be changed as needed:

**Trevor Cole – Education Commission**  
**Judy Kuncaitis – Christian Service Commission**

**Fred Snyder – Worship Commission**  
**Tom Kleinow – Stewardship Commission**

These members also attend Parish Pastoral Council meetings but are not considered members of the council:

**Stan Kulaszewski – Finance Committee**

**Debbie Bloomfield – Vicariate Representative**

# NOMINATION FORM FOR OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

There is one open position available on the Council at this time.

The terms of office run for three years from September of 2018 to May of 2021.

Any registered member of the parish 16 years of age and over will be eligible to nominate.

Those nominated must be 18 years old or older and a registered member of the parish who is a practicing catholic.

All nominees will be contacted to determine their acceptance of the nomination.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The duties of Council members include:

- \* Attend all meetings of the Council unless excused.*
- \* Serve on at least one commission or committee of the Council or one other parish organization. .*
- \* Participate actively and express ideas freely.*
- \* Contribute ideas to the decision making process.*
- \* Prepare adequately for each meeting by reading all agenda materials.*
- \* Support decisions and foster communication among the parish at large.*

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I would like to nominate the following parishioner/s for the Our Lady of the Scapular Parish Pastoral Council:

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail this nomination to the parish office, place it in the collection basket or give it to the pastor before May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Thank You!*

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### April 26, 2018

#### ATTENDEES:

Fr. Mark Borkowski  
Fred Snyder  
Stan Kulaszewski  
Judy Kuncaitis  
Tom Kleinow

Cheryl Jurczyk  
Donna Milton  
Veronica Berryman

- Meeting was called to order. Members Sharon Zerafa, Trevor Cole and Debbie Bloomfield were excused.
- Father Mark Borkowski opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from previous meeting were accepted without change.
- Christian Service: Judy Kuncaitis reported that over 200 Easter baskets were distributed. We continue to donate food to the Wyandotte Food Pantry weekly.
- Education Commission: Fr. Mark reported that the last day of catechism is April 30<sup>th</sup>. All students have been invited to participate in May Procession on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The First Communion class is ready for their big day on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation will be on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Worship Commission: Fred Snyder reported that there will be tridentine masses on May 10, May 20 and June 8<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Mark reported that on May 19, 2 new members will be selected for parish council. Members Dale Zamecki and Donna Milton have completed their terms.
- Stewardship Commission: Tom Kleinow reported that the work on the floor in the church is progressing well. While the pews were removed, they were able to place insulation behind the radiators. Work on the next section of the floor will begin after wedding season. Fr. Mark said no bride would tolerate that mess.
- Finance Commission: Stan Kulaszewski reported that as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, our debt to the AOD was reduced by \$4,040.00.
- Vicariate: No report

**Old Business:**

- Work on the Adoration Chapel is complete. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> the chapel at St. Stan's will officially be closed and the new chapel will be open. Hours for the Adoration Chapel will be 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. Another beautiful job done by the Mlotek crew.
- Continued church restoration is in progress. On Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, tuckpointing work will begin on the parking lot side of the church. The basement windows will be upgraded to glass block windows. The painter who is doing the gilding will continue his work.

**New Business discussed:**

- Kristina LaCourse has been chosen to fill the vacancy in the office created by the retirement of Natalie Wienclaw. Natalie worked in the office for 25 years.
- Esther Huerta is doing a wonderful job on our new website. It is updated daily with all parish related news. Pictures from socials, funeral announcements, all pertinent information to keep parishioners informed.
- Michael Pevovar spoke to the council regarding Relics in the Catholic Church and the work of Father Carlos Martins of Companions of the Cross. Full details of this event will be in upcoming bulletins.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on May 31, 2018.

Father Mark closed the meeting with prayer.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Cheryl Jurczyk**